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Base Realignment and Closure
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COMMENTS ON INFORMATION PACKAGE, MSC JP5 DRY WELLS AND OTHER FEATURES WITHIN AND NEAR FORMER TANK FARM 5, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, EL TORO, SWRCB GEOTRACKER ID: T0605901698

Dear Mr. Newton:


We have reviewed the above referenced document, dated February 7, 2006, which we received on February 17, 2006.

The information package presents the findings and observations from the exploratory trenching activities at the former dry wells and other features associated with JP5 pipelines within and near former Tank Farm 5. Exploratory trenching to expose the dry wells associated with the underground storage tanks and to expose JP5 piping near valve boxes, vaults, and other features was conducted in order to visually inspect the condition of piping and the adjacent soils. A soil gas survey was conducted in June 2000 along selected segments of the JP5 pipeline within and near the tank farm.

No evidence of petroleum releases was observed within exploratory trenches with the following two exceptions: Soil impacts were discovered to be associated with Vault P11 and Valve Box 215. Additional investigation and actions are planned for these impacted areas. Other than the two impacted areas, no significant release of petroleum hydrocarbons was identified.

We concur with the no further recommendation for the dry wells associated with the former Underground Storage Tanks 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, and 215 and the other JP5 pipeline features within the and near the former Tank Farm 5 area with the exception of the JP5 Vault P11 and Valve Box 215. For any questions, please call me at (951) 782-4494, or send email to jbroderick@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


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